

I claim:

1. A hand tool for cutting a strap, such as a cable tie, that leaves a smooth rounded end on the cut strap, the tool comprising:
  - two handles which are connected together in a single plane at a pivot point by means of a pivot connector;
  - mating cutting jaws carried by said handles; wherein each said cutting jaw comprises a rounded cutting edge; wherein when said cutting jaws are urged towards each other by said handles, said cutting jaws cut through said strap to leave a smooth rounded end on the cut strap,
2. A hand tool in accordance with claim 1, wherein said cutting jaws are located near the pivot point, and wherein said handles further comprise extended gripping jaws for gripping said strap.
3. A hand tool in accordance with claim 2, where in each said cutting jaw comprises a semi-cone shaped cutting edge.
4. A hand tool in accordance with claim 1, further comprising bias means for urging said handles apart.
5. A hand tool in accordance with claim 1, where in one of the said cutting jaws comprises a semi-circle groove cutting edge and the other of said cutting jaws comprises a semi-circle plunger adapted to move into said groove when said cutting jaws are moved against each other; wherein one of said jaws includes an opening enabling a free end of said strap to pass through said opening.
6. A hand tool in accordance with claim 5, wherein each said cutting jaw further comprises a semi-cone shaped cutting edge.